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Ms. Jocelyn Boyd Chief Clerk & Administrator Public Service Commission of South Carolina 101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

Re:

Docket No. 2012-136-C - Office of Regulatory Staff Petition to Review FCC Mandated

Reductions to Intrastate Access Tariffs

Dear Ms. Boyd:

John Staurulakis, Inc., on behalf of PRTCommunications, LLC, respectfully submits for filing the attached revisions to its intrastate access tariff (with an effective date of July 3, 2012).

This filing is in accordance with the Commission's Directive of April 11, 2012 and the Hearing Officer's Directives of May 29, 2012 and May 31, 2012. All of West Carolina Communications terminating intrastate switched access rates are below its corresponding interstate, so no rate changes are necessary at this time.

However, PRTCommunications is making revisions to include the addition of language regarding Toll VoIP-PSTN pursuant to the FCC's Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking in CC Docket Nos. 96-45 and 01-92; GN Docket No. 09-51; WC Docket Nos. 03-109, 05-337, 07-135 and 10-90; and WT Docket No. 10-208, adopted October 27, 2011 and released November 18, 2011 (FCC 11-161) – *USF/ICC Transformation Order*.

Sincerely,

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John Staurulakis, Inc.

cc:

Randy Odom, PRTCommunications, LLC

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#### **ACCESS SERVICE**

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#### APPLICATION OF TARIFF

This tariff sets forth the service offerings, rates, terms and conditions applicable to the furnishing of intrastate access service by PRTCommunications, LLC, OCN # 1701 (hereinafter "the Company").

## **COMPANY CONTACT**

Matters related to this tariff and services provided under the rates, terms and conditions of this tariff may be directed to the following individual:

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## 2. **REGULATIONS** (Cont'd)

## 2.11 <u>Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic</u>

#### 2.11.1 <u>Scope</u>

VoIP-PSTN Traffic is defined as traffic exchanged between the Telephone Company end user and the customer in time division multiplexing ("TDM") format that originates and/or terminates in Internet protocol ("IP") format. This section governs the identification of VoIP-PSTN Traffic that is required to be compensated at interstate access rates by the Federal Communications Commission in its Report and Order in WC Docket No. 10-90, etc., FCC Release No. 11-161 (November 18, 2011) ("FCC Order"). Specifically, this section establishes the method of separating such traffic (referred to in this tariff as "Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic") from the customer's traditional intrastate access traffic, so that such Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic can be billed in accordance with the FCC Order. The term "Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic" denotes a customer's interexchange voice traffic exchanged with the Telephone Company in Time Division Multiplexing format over Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) facilities, which originates and / or terminates in Internet Protocol (IP) format. "Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic" originates and/or terminates in IP format when it originates from and / or terminates to an end user customer of a service that requires IP-compatible customer premises equipment.

## 2.11.2 Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic

The Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic identified in accordance with this tariff section will be billed at rates equal to the Telephone Company's applicable tariffed interstate switched access rates as specified in the Telephone Company's applicable federal access tariff.

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# 2. **REGULATIONS** (Cont'd)

# 2.11 <u>Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic</u> (cont'd)

## 2.11.3 Calculation and Application of Percent-VoIP-Usage Factor

The Telephone Company will determine the number of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic minutes of use ("MOU") to which interstate rates will be applied under subsection 2.11.2, above, by applying a Percent-VoIP-Usage ("PVU") factor to the total terminating intrastate access MOU received by the Telephone Company from the customer. The Telephone Company will be permitted to assess tariff default rates equal to the intrastate access rates for originating intrastate toll VoIP traffic until June 30, 2014. Effective July 1, 2014, the Company will be permitted to tariff default rates equal to the interstate access rates for originating intrastate toll VoIP traffic. The PVU will be derived and applied as follows:

- 2.11.3.A. The customer will calculate and furnish to the Telephone Company a factor (the "PVU") representing the percentage of the total intrastate access MOU that the customer terminates to the Telephone Company in the State that is sent to the Telephone Company and that originated in IP format. This PVU shall be based on information such as traffic studies, actual call detail, or other relevant and verifiable information.
- 2.11.3.B The Telephone Company will apply the PVU factor to the total terminating intrastate access MOU received from the customer to determine the number of Toll VoIP-PSTN Traffic MOUs.
- 2.11.3.C If the customer does not furnish the Telephone Company with a PVU pursuant to the preceding paragraph 1, the Telephone Company will utilize a PVU equal to zero.

## 2.11.4 <u>Initial Implementation of PVU Factor</u>

The Telephone Company will apply the Initial PVU factor on the next bill date provided that the PVU factor and the relevant and verifiable supporting documentation described above are provided to the Telephone Company at least 15 days prior to the next bill date. A factor received less than 15 days before the next bill date, will be applied on the bill date following the next bill date unless otherwise agreed to by the Telephone Company and the customer. Otherwise, the Telephone Company will set the initial PVU equal to zero, as specified in subsection 2.11.3.C, above.

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## 2. **REGULATIONS** (Cont'd)

## 2.11 <u>Identification and Rating of VoIP-PSTN Traffic</u> (cont'd)

#### 2.11.5 PVU Factor Updates

The customer may update the PVU factor quarterly using the method set forth in subsection 2.11.3.A, above. If the customer chooses to submit such updates, it shall forward to the Telephone Company, no later than 15 days after the first day of January, April, July and/or October of each year, a revised PVU factor based on data for the prior three months, ending the last day of December, March, June and September, respectively. The revised PVU factor will apply prospectively and serve as the basis for billing until superseded by a new PVU.

## 2.11.6 PVU Factor Verification

Not more than four times in any year, the Telephone Company may ask the customer to verify the PVU factor furnished to the Telephone Company. The party so requested shall comply, and shall reasonably provide the records and other information used to determine the PVU factors.

The customer-provided PVU and supporting documentation for the factor shall be based on information that is verifiable by the Telephone Company, including but not limited to the number of the customer's retail VoIP subscriptions in the state (*e.g.* as reported on FCC Form 477), traffic studies, actual call detail or other relevant and verifiable information.

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# 12. RATES AND CHARGES

#### 12.1 <u>Switched Access</u> (Cont'd)

## 12.1.2 End Office Local Switching

The rate for End Office Switching is based upon Originating and Terminating Access Minutes.

Maximum Rate
Per Access Minute

End Office Local Switching – Originating & Terminating \$0.0170646 (T)

## 12.1.3 800/877/888 Database Access Service

Maximum Rate Per Query

Rates for each 800/877/888 Data Base Query performed.

12.5.5.A Basic (per Query) \$0.0083750 12.5.5.B Vertical Feature Query \$0.0083750

#### 12.2 Common Line

## 12.2.1 <u>Carrier Common Line Charge</u>

Maximum Rate
Per Minute

Originating -Per Access Minute \$0.020000
Terminating-Per Access Minute \$0.020000

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# ACCESS SERVICE PRICE LIST

The Access Service Price List sets forth the current rates charged by the Company. Changes in current rates will be subject to prior filing of a revised Price List with the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

Switched Access Local Transport Entrance Facility	Tariff Section	Monthly Rate	Nonrecurring Charge
Voice Grade 2-Wire	12.1.1.A	\$27.63	\$137.84
Voice Grade 4-Wire	12.1.1.A	\$44.23	\$137.84
High Capacity DS1 - First System	12.1.1.A	\$371.10	\$785.58
High Capacity DS1 - Additional System	12.1.1.A	\$164.93	\$113.47
High Capacity DS3 - First System	12.1.1.A	\$1,337.16	\$785.58
High Capacity DS3- Additional System	12.1.1.A	\$21.93	\$26.18
Multiplexing DS1 to Voice	12.1.1.A	\$226.56	\$751.22
Multiplexing DS3 to DS1	12.1.1.A	\$382.04	\$392.79

Switched Access Direct-Trunked Transport	Tariff Section	Monthly Rate
Voice Grade-Per Mile	12.1.1.B	\$8.23
Voice Grade- Per Termination	12.1.1.B	\$0.00
High Capacity DS1, Per Mile	12.1.1.B	\$10.89
High Capacity DS1, Per Termination	12.1.1.B	\$49.49
High Capacity DS3, Per Mile	12.1.1.B	\$110.72
High Capacity DS3- Per Termination	12.1.1.B	\$438.91

Switched Access Tandem Switched Transport	Tariff Section	Rate Per Access Minute
Tandem Switching Per Access Minute	12.1.1.C	\$0.0008518
Tandem Switched Transport-Facility Per Access Minute Per Mile	12.1.1.C	\$0.0000242
Tandem Switched Transport - Termination Per Access Minute Per	12.1.1.C	\$0.0002497
Termination		

	Tariff Section	Rate Per Access Minute
End Office Local Switching – Originating & Terminating	12.1.2	\$0.0136517

Switched Access 800/877/888 Database Access Service	Tariff	Rate
	Section	Per Query
Basic	12.1.3	\$0.0067000
Vertical Feature Query	12.1.2	\$0.0067000

Switched Access Carrier Common Line Charge	Tariff Section	Rate Per Minute
Originating-Per Access Minute	12.1.3	\$0.0000000
Terminating-Per Access Minute	12.1.2	\$0.0000000

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